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## FANWOOD

School closed on Friday, December 18th, for the Christmas recess, with the holiday spirit in the air. The Christmas program was held in the school auditorium at ten-thirty in the morning, with Superintendent Skyberg presiding. Mr. Arden M. Robbins represented the Board of Directors, as the President, Major Landon, was confined to his home with a cold. There was quite a large assemblage of parents of the pupils. The program presented was as follows:

Advanced Department	
Band	"Holy Night"
Intermediate and Primary Department	
Play	"Santa Claus"
Characters	
Tom	Tom Reston
A naughty boy who does not believe in Santa Claus	
Tom's Mother	Miss Forsythe
A Small Boy	
Santa Claus	Joseph Russo
Mrs. Santa Claus	Edward Hansen
Teacher	Miss Dolph
Pupils	John Lupo, Herbert Lillian, Charles Goosk, Jerald Kinsky, Thomas Reston, Stanley Hoffman
Scenes	
Scene I—Tom's Home	
Scene II—Santa's Home	
Scene III—The Schoolroom	
Scene IV—Santa's Home	
Scene V—The Schoolroom	
Remarks	Superintendent Skyberg
Band	"Noel"

The play revolved around the boy who did not believe in Santa Claus, and was well enacted. It was given orally, with Mr. Iles interpreting.

At the conclusion of the program, the children of the Primary Department marched out to the large circular stairway of the rotunda and sat on the stairs by classes with their teachers. The children were delighted to behold the large Christmas tree in the center of the rotunda, resplendent in its shiny trimmings and bright lights. Garlands and wreaths of Christmas greens encircled the staircase and railings, and made a beautiful setting.

The band and the selected company of the older pupils came in via the dining room, while the parents and visitors assembled in the main hall. Thus grouped all around the Christmas tree, the following carols were sung to the accompaniment of the band.

There's a wonderful tree, a wonderful tree,  
The happy children rejoice to see,  
Spreading its branches year by year,  
It comes from the forest to flourish here,  
Oh, this wonderful tree,  
With its branches wide,  
Is always, is always blooming  
At Christmas tide.

But not for us children did this tree grow,  
With its strange sweet fruit on each laden bough;  
For those we love we have made with care  
Each pretty thing you see hanging there.  
May this wonderful tree,  
With its branches wide,  
Bring joy to our friends  
At Christmas tide.

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O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie,  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee to-night.

As the last notes died out, there was a hushed air of expectancy, and then good old Santa Claus burst into view with his six reindeer prancing around the tree. After a few words of greeting to all, the distribution of gifts was accomplished, including boxes of candy for all the children present.

The committee in charge of the affair were: Program—J. Pence

Dozier, Chairman; Miss Louise E. Cornell, Charles L. Brooks. *Entertainment*—Miss Amelia E. Berry, Chairman; Mrs. Edith Watson, Dan P. Tucker, John E. Armstrong. *Carols*—Miss Louise E. Cornell; *Band Selections*—Captain Wm. H. Edwards; *Interpreter*—Edminsten W. Iles, Principal.

With the close of school, the School family began leaving for distant points to be with relatives and friends. Perhaps the longest trip is being taken by Mrs. Skyberg, who left on Saturday for Los Angeles, Cal., to be with her daughter, Elva, who is a student at the Westlake School there. They will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Skyberg's brother, Mr. Wm. Eglinton, who resides in Reseda.

The members of the School staff, officers and others of the School family were entertained at a Christmas reception tendered by Superintendent and Mrs. Skyberg on Thursday, December 17th. Everyone expressed their enjoyment of the delightfully planned affair and the beautiful Christmas decorations.

Steward Davis and Mrs. Davis are spending a few days at Annville, Pennsylvania, at the home of Mrs. Davis' parents.

### N. A. D. Banquet, Trenton, N. J.

The N. A. D. Branch at Trenton, held their annual banquet in honor of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet at the fashionable Hildebrecht Hotel Saturday evening, December 12. Professor I. S. Fufeld, the well known and popular Professor of Gallaudet College delivered a talk that brought before the members problems of importance to the national body of the N. A. D.

When an artist wishes to secure the proper values of harmony, color, and true perspective for a picture, he stands a few units apart from the desired scene. Professor Fufeld, as a friend of the deaf, did likewise and viewed the actions of the N. A. D. during the past four years. His findings are worthy of the attention of every true leader of the deaf, for he disclosed many formidable facts.

Touching lightly upon Gallaudet and his aims and hopes for the deaf, the Gallaudet professor rebuked those deaf who for a year continued to hamper the progress of the national officers of the N. A. D., and thereby proved themselves troublemakers. "This," he said, "was foolish because the deaf as a group needed loyalty of purpose most of all."

"The different groups of state deaf need cooperation as a single unit. The problems of Virginia, the problems of New York, the problems of Oregon, the problems of New Jersey, and the problems of the other states are vainly fought for when these battles are undertaken in sections."

"Let us have a single unit, a single co-ordinating group; let us work together; we are not only hurting ourselves, but the generations of deaf to come, because of our foolish obstinacy in refusing to listen to the simple spirit of 'loyalty'."

The editor of the *Annals of the Deaf* going into his personal mail, carried his listeners nearer to a realization that he was offering them an opportunity to see what coordination, loyalty, and seriousness of purpose can do.

Taking a letter from his pocket and pointing to the letterhead, Professor Fufeld showed that the hard of hearing, organized in 1910, a much younger group than the N. A. D., has al-

ready formed into a strong, active organization. That the hard of hearing have a prominent list of officers which is nothing but pure propaganda; nevertheless, important if they are to make an impression upon the public. Here the speaker compared this list of officers and honorable members of the hard of hearing with that of the N. A. D. Immediately, he said, "A list of 'outside' men and women, nationally known in the medical, writing, and the other professional fields are upon the oral group's stationery. Why—because names will always impress the public."

"One objective for the N. A. D. is to have prominent men and women brought into contact with our problems if we are to go forward. The hard of hearing are able to get all the local branches to contribute to the upkeep of the Volta Bureau in Washington. This gives the group a national headquarters in Washington. At the headquarters an intelligent woman is paid to give information and advice on the hard of hearing. And through this full-time worker, much propaganda is spread to the hearing world concerning the hard of hearing, yet not a word about the deaf."

"Recently the United States government wished to undertake a survey of the deaf and the hard of hearing. Because the Volta Bureau maintains a 'fixed' office it was heard of through their own propaganda. Now the government officials never heard of an organization for the deaf, and when the time came for the survey, the official called upon the Volta Bureau." Before closing his talk, Professor Fufeld, recalled the name of Gallaudet—he said, the patron of the deaf would be proud of us, but it should lie in us to look forward and with accord—and not backward—and discord.

Vito Dondiego acted as toastmaster. Mrs. E. W. Hoppaugh delivered a poem, "If Gallaudet Were Tonight," most gracefully signed; Francis C. Higgins, a student at Rutgers University and a graduate of Gallaudet College, spoke on "The Spirit of Gallaudet." This talk carried a most personal view—picturizing the leaders of the deaf and the educators of the deaf as imbued with the "Gallaudet" spirit. Upon the beautiful program printed at the New Jersey School for the Deaf, under Mr. Siddall's artistic touch, was a picture of the famed Gallaudet-Alice Cogswell statue. To the words of Teacher, Friend, Benefactor, Higgins said that he would add one more virtue to the list—Humanitarian. Miss J. Stephenson, an elderly member, gracefully and slowly signed the poem, "Auld Lang Syne." It was delivered so easily that the writer almost felt that he was "flying." The banquet committee deserves much credit for a program that is a rarity among the deaf. Miss F. Schornstein acted as chairman, and she was given splendid cooperation by Mr. K. Murphy, Mrs. A. Beatty, Mr. D. Willis, and Mrs. A. Murphy.

### New York City

The American Society of Deaf Artists elected new officers as follows: H. C. Borgstrand, president; J. Nesgood, vice-president; W. Meyer, treasurer, and J. Alexander, secretary. The Board of Trustees consists of Fred C. Berger, chairman, J. Brown and Miss Ruby Abrams.

Four active artists were admitted to the society. The society will have its thirtieth anniversary banquet on February 27, 1937.

Mr. Albert Pyle has gone to Tennessee, and intends to remain there for good.

## NEW YORK CITY

### ST. ANN'S NOTES

Saturday, the 12th, a stage entertainment and dance frolic was given by the Men's Club, under the direction of Mr. W. Williamson. The play "Doctor Murder Case" was well acted by the cast, and the mystery hard to solve by the large crowd present. The cast of character follow:—

Dr. Baldwin	Wm. Williamson
Mrs. Baldwin	Miss Ruth Yeager
Harold Baldwin	Anthony DiGiovanni
Ethel Baldwin	Miss Dorothy Havens
Jim Burns	Frank Heintz
Reginald, the Butler	Frederick G. King
A Burglar	Charles Terry
A Policeman	Harry Schavrien
A Detective	James McArdle
Coroner	Charles Olsen

Following the stage program a dance frolic was the order, which included a "Balloon Dance," "Fancy Dance," and "Balloon Holding Contest," with prizes awarded winners. A neat sum was realized for the Fuel Fund of the church.

Thursday evening, December 17th, both the Woman's Parish Aid Society and the Men's Club held their meetings and election of officers for the ensuing year. The W. P. A. S. officers chosen are: President, Eleanor E. Sherman; Vice-President, Gertrude T. Kent; Secretary, Elsie G. Funk; Treasurer, Anna M. Klaus. The Men's Club elected Ernest Marshall, president; William Williamson, vice-president; Victor Anderson, secretary; William Wren, treasurer. Charles Wiemuth, Philip Topfer and Louis Radlein constitute the executive committee.

Sunday, December 20th, the choir of St. Ann's rendered several beautifully signed "Christmas Carols" before a fair congregation. The services were conducted by Mr. Oliver W. McInturff, Layreader. On Christmas Day, at 11 A.M., the Holy Communion will be celebrated by the Vicar.

Saturday afternoon, December 26th, from 2:30 to 5 P.M., a Christmas Festival for the children will take place. All members of St. Ann's Church and its subsidiary organizations are cordially invited to bring their children. Gifts will be distributed to those under 10 years of age.

A Year-End Service at 8:15 P.M., followed by a social, will be the last of the activities for the year 1936, on December 31st.

Mrs. Arthur C. Bachrach was given a surprise birthday luncheon party Saturday, December 5th, by about twenty-four friends. She, escorted, by her charming daughter Celia, went to the Greenwich Village Tea Room, where Mrs. Samuel Frankenheim, assisted by Mrs. Samuel Kohn and Mrs. Isaac Moses, arranged the party. The table was beautifully adorned by two large vases of roses, which were contributed by Mrs. Frankenheim. Another surprise was sprung on Mrs. Bachrach by the receipt of a bunch of orchids and a gorgeous birthday cake from her daughter. Her friends also remembered her with cash and several gifts.

Messrs. Harold "Bunt" Haskins and Bob Coley, both from the suburbs of the "City of Brotherly Love," were in town the last week-end. They are the young men who some Saturdays ago escorted their New York femmes, namely, Evy Lauster and Gistine Fish Sadler, to the Municipal Stadium there for the historic classic in which the good boys from Annapolis finally came through with a neat win over a great fighting team from up the Hudson by the score of 7 to 0.

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## PHILADELPHIA

News items for this column should be sent to Howard S. Ferguson, 250 W. Sparks St., Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.

The sick and accident list of the Philadelphia deaf seems to be above normal these days. Below for several paragraphs will be noticed those who are under the doctor's care.

Mr. Alexander S. McGhee has been confined to the house for the last three weeks with an attack of the "flu," an intestinal cold, and a run-down condition. He is at present regaining his health slowly but surely.

Out at the Germantown Hospital Mr. Edward Menendez is sick-a-bed and has been there for nigh on to two weeks.

Down at St. Agnes Hospital Mr. Cobb Boynton recently underwent a minor operation. At present he is recuperating over in Jersey.

The latest hospital case is Mr. Charles Partington. Mr. Partington had the bad misfortune to fall down a flight of steps in his home and fracture his arm in two places.

Mr. George King, still confined to the "Jeff," is showing much improvement and his weight is up to 150 pounds. The doctors are giving him a Christmas present by allowing him to spend four days during Christmas with his family.

Outside of all these, with probably some we have missed, the local populace is all well.

News from the Hebrew Association of the Deaf is plentiful. The Association held their annual election on Sunday afternoon, December 6th, with the result that Mr. Jacob Brodsky is the new president, with Mr. Samuel Broude the vice-president. The secretary and treasury positions are still monopolized by the Sylvan G. Sterns, with Mrs. wielding the pen and Mr. counting the money. The trustees, three of them, are the Messrs. Morton Rosenfeld, Israel Steer and Nathan Schwartz.

The evening of the same day the H. A. D. had a movie show, the feature picture being "The Fighting Blade." A full house was on hand to witness the picture.

Kindly mark down in your notebook that one year from today, December 18, 1937, to be exact, the H. A. D. will celebrate its thirtieth jubilee. And they will celebrate it with a big banquet to be held at the well-known McCallister's on Spring Garden Street. The committee in charge of this, headed by Mr. Nathan Schwartz, with Mrs. Sylvan G. Stern, Mrs. Nathan Schwartz, Mrs. Pearl Berk, Mr. Isaac Zeidelman, Mr. David Singerman and Mr. Rubin Miller, assisting, are planning a glorious evening on the 18th of December, 1937—get that, 1937.

As expenses will be heavy and so as to have a reserve to fall back on, the committee is giving a "kiddie" party on January 19th, at their hall, Broad and Jefferson Streets. Come dressed up as an urchin and win a prize. Admission 35 cents.

Mr. Isaac Zeidelman popped the question to Miss Dina Rednick last October 24th, it only leaked out recently. Pressed for the wedding day, Ikey is evasive, but close sources state some time in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Steer have left their parental abode in Olney and are now housekeeping downtown near Seventh and Girard Avenue.

Election results of the Silent A. C.'s annual election on Friday, December 11th, came out as follows: President, Mr. John E. Dunner; First Vice-President, Mr. George Porter; Second Vice-President, Mr. Warren Holmes; Secretary, Mr. Morton Rosenfeld; Treasurer, Mr. Edward Evans; Assistant - Treasurer, Mr. Anthony Priest; Trustee (3 years), Mr. John A. Roach. A coincidence of the meeting was that all of the above named were elected on the first

ballot, save one, Mr. Evans—he by acclamation.

Now a word about the President, Mr. John E. Dunner. John, in his first year as president has done wonders for the Silent A. C. True, there was nothing wrong with the club before, but for some unexplainable reason it had been getting nowhere in a hurry. Laws were not strictly enforced—but that was before John came in. In his one year he has transformed the club into what it should be. The membership has been more than doubled and the socials—these are the biggest surprises of all—are now generally packed to the doors. Is it the New Deal of F. D. R.? Is it better times? Nope—just John E. Dunner.

Miss Anna Keller turned 19 on Thanksgiving Day, and like all little girls who turn 19 they pray for a party. But no party was forthcoming—not for two weeks. So on the 5th of December, Papa and Mamma Keller sent little Anna to the movies with instructions to come right home afterwards as all little girls should. Anna came right home all right and fifteen friends were waiting for her with presents. Was she surprised—ask her.

Belated news, but news just the same! Packed down in that solid mass of humanity of 100,000 at the Municipal Stadium on Saturday, November 28th, rooting themselves blue in the face for Navy were the Messrs. Bobby Coley and Harold Haskins in company with the Misses Gustyne Sadler and Evelyn Lauster of New York. Miss Alice Young was also there in company with Mr. Richard Haskins, Harold's younger brother. Since Navy beat the Army, 7 to 0, a very pleasing day was spent, this in spite of the frigid weather.

As this paper will probably reach you readers some time during the holidays, we take this opportunity to express to one and all a most Merry Christmas and the joys that go with it.

HOWARD FERGUSON.

### Why Not a Traveling Library on the Deaf?

By Peter J. Livshis

The discussion of libraries on the deaf in past issues is revealing. It proves there are books on the deaf. But as soon as they are acquired they are put away in one lone spot, known as the Volta Bureau Library, located in Washington, D. C. They drop out of circulation and become forgotten. It must take an occasional prospector to go far for it and bring some book or article to light.

Obviously, only a small percentage would go that far to Washington, D. C., and then to this Bureau which can be reached more conveniently by taxi and the outskirts, as the writer had done last June in search for material for the coming N. A. D. Convention in Chicago in 1937. He had the pleasure of a long talk with Miss Josephine B. Timberlake and become somewhat familiar with its handicaps and possibilities.

If a horse cannot be taken to water, then what is wrong with the idea of bringing a pail of water to the horse? It will drink it—no doubt of that—when it is really thirsty. So, why not a traveling library? It can bring books to the deaf and hearing, who, if really interested, would look them over. Nothing is more direct and arresting.

Howard Terry, in the previous issue, declared that the Volta Bureau bought 20 copies of his book years ago. Is it not possible that this Bureau may have made practice of getting duplicates of all worthwhile books? In that case, it would be most opportune to build up a traveling library of those spare copies, and send it on the road. The writer does not pretend to know library technique, but felt compelled by the intelligent discussion to point out a more direct line of approach.

It is ripe, in this connection, for all to know that the Chicago Local Committee for the Eighteenth Triennial Convention of the National Association of the Deaf, in Chicago, July 26 to 31, 1937, has one of the important plans under way. It is putting forth efforts to give what will be known as the Chicago Exhibit of the American Deaf. It has permission from the Hotel Sherman, its official headquarters, to install booths in the lobby so as to be open for direct inspection by the hearing public. This exhibit will demonstrate the progress of the deaf by pictures, documents and clippings, stressing the accomplishments of the deaf in various fields of endeavor. Thus, it will serve to publicize the capacities of the deaf in the industrial world.

A booth to go by the title of *The Initial Travelling Library of the Deaf* in this exhibit should give impetus to the interested ones to contribute all spare books and other pertinent matters to it. The Local Committee will gladly cooperate as far as its coming local funds will permit. The Volta Bureau, Howard Terry, and others, are heartily invited to communicate with the Chicago NAD 1937 Convention, 3811 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and work toward the common ideal.

### Richmond, Va.

MRS. CHILES FILLS SILENT YEARS AS UNOFFICIAL MINISTER TO DEAF

Mrs. Fannie L. Chiles, who hasn't "heard" a sound since "1875," has filled the silence of the last 52 years with service to hundreds of Virginia's deaf-mutes.

Mrs. Chiles is an old lady and white-haired, but as lively and youthful in her daily doings as many a young one. She crochets, cooks, sews, reads and visits away the time she isn't teaching the 40 friends in her 43-year-old Bible class for the deaf at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

#### FINDS PLENTY TO DO

She finds more to do with her soundless days than most people who can hear, but she still misses the music she lost 61 years ago.

As a little girl Fanny Shackelford lost her hearing at her home at Cismont. She tells now about her grief over losing her music as if it were a joke.

"I haven't heard a sound since 1875! I remember I used to sit at the piano and play and play until I couldn't hear a note. Then I would sit and cry because the music was gone."

Young Fanny went to the State School for the Deaf at Staunton and was graduated there. Then she taught languages there for seven years, and also taught knitting and crocheting to blind students. After her marriage to Robert L. Chiles, she moved with him to Richmond.

At the request of a friend of Richmond deaf-mutes she began teaching deaf and speechless people in a Bible class in her home in 1893. Later, the Rev. J. O. Whildin, an Episcopal missionary to the deaf in Virginia, suggested that she hold her class at St. Andrew Episcopal Church. The class moved to a room set aside for it at the church.

Ever since then Mrs. Chiles has served in an unordained ministry to Richmond's deaf-mutes. She is the preacher at 11 o'clock services every Sunday morning—and the friend, counsellor and leader of her group, just as any good rector is. Many of them meet with her on Sunday evenings and at other times for silent finger-talk, sessions of crocheting and other pastimes.

Mrs. Chiles also is the leader of the classes' Literary Society, which meets twice a month at the church for an opening prayer, discussion of current events, reading of poetry, games and conferences on their problems. The class is comprised of alumni of the Staunton school.

The veteran teacher lives at 2711 Grayland Avenue with her daughter, Mrs. George Mullins. She has a son in Richmond, Robert L. Chiles Jr. Her husband died two years ago.

Right now, Mrs. Chiles is most interested in retaining sign making in the curriculum of the Staunton school, instead of introducing lip reading as has been proposed.

"At the school for the deaf," she says, "they were educated with signs, finger spelling and writing. All who could talk were taught lip reading. Now the Alumni Association of the Deaf members know that it is impossible to keep the deaf from signs and finger spelling, while the superintendent of the school forbids signs and tries to make the deaf learn speech and lip reading."

"But with this method, after they leave school they are imperfect in speech and unable to read lips, so they find it difficult to get work, they bore their hearing friends and are bored in return. Also, they are unable to associate with the sign makers so

that their lives are not as happy as those who are fluent sign makers."

As a result, Mrs. Chiles added, "they come to us after graduation to learn sign making." —*Richmond Times-Dispatch, Dec. 14.*

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rosenbloom's daughter, Lucille Igomen, was united in matrimony with Mr. Bob Witherspoon, of Richmond, on November 18th. After a two-week honeymoon trip to Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon are making their home in Richmond.

Mr. R. J. Rosenbloom is on the road to health after an illness for one month.

Miss Viola Davis, of Richmond, who is in charge of the Alumni Social Club of the Virginia School, has achieved a big success of making \$25.50 for over five weeks. A good crowd of deaf people have enjoyed "500" and bingo games twice, and home-made fudge is on sale sometimes. It is announced that the Alumni Society and its officials will attend the recreational meeting at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saturday evening, January 23d.

Miss Genevieve W. Norman is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norman at Covington, Va., where she is promised a job in the local weaving factory when there is a vacancy. The writer is informed that Mrs. John Dunn is the former Miss Elizabeth Stewart hailing from North Carolina. Her deaf husband is employed as a weaver with Mr. Norman at the weaving mill.

#### GIVES THEFT CLUE IN SIGN-LANGUAGE

Through the watchfulness of a deaf-mute window cleaner, the police have recovered a valuable diamond wrist watch stolen in a mysterious manner from the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. McMurtrie, 4011 Wythe Avenue.

The watch, given to Mrs. McMurtrie as a birthday gift, and inscribed on the back, "Alex to Mary," was found in possession of a negro woman who charged Robert Hartso, 9 West Marshall Street, with asking her to keep it for him, according to police who arrested Hartso the day after Thanksgiving.

The window cleaner was employed at the McMurtrie home at the time the watch was reported as missing, and in sign-language gave information to Detective Sergeant L. C. Haake, who located the woman and through her arrested Hartso.—*Richmond News Leader.*

The above was printed on the front page of the *News-Leader* after Thanksgiving Day, but his name was withheld. Then after the stolen watch was recovered through the sign information, he was given a splendid reward for that reason. This deaf window cleaner is Mr. Roy Rogers, of Richmond, who has a hearing wife and two daughters.

The writer has been busy with much painting and wallpapering work this month and needs one young deaf man of good ability to help.

It is now less than seven months to the National Scout Jamboree which President Roosevelt will formally open in Washington, D. C., next June 30th to July 9th.

Wishing you all a prosperous Christmas and joyous New Year.

LOUIS COHEN.

729 West Cary St., Richmond, Va.

### Silent Athletic Club, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa.

3529 Germantown Avenue

Club-rooms open to visitors during week-ends, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and during holidays. Business meeting every second Friday of the month. John E. Dunner, President. For information write to Morton Rosenfeld, Secretary, 4652 N. Camac Street, Philadelphia.

### Hebrew Association of the Deaf of Philadelphia

Jefferson Manor at S. W., corner of Broad and Jefferson Streets. Meets first Sunday evening of each month from 3 to 5:30 P.M. Rooms open for Socials Saturdays and Sundays.

For information, write to Morton Rosenfeld, President, 4652 N. Camac Street, or Mrs. Sylvan G. Stern, Secretary, 5043 N. 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

#### SOMETHING NEW!

PHILADELPHIA FRAT FROLIC

Saturday, February 6, 1937

Watch this space



## WISCONSIN

News items for this column, and subscriptions, may be sent to Max H. Lewis, 3230 No. 12th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

### MILWAUKEE

A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all!

Charlotte and Charles Lamberton, deaf dancers of Los Angeles, Cal., appeared in Dave Apollon's "Revue of 1937," at the Palace Theater here for a week, November 6th to 12th. The Lambertons graciously received several deaf patrons in the rear of the Palace Theater after the close of their acts. We are proud of them and want them to show hearing people of this nation what the deaf can do.

The reporter met the Lambertons and their mother at Hotel Royal during their stay here. He enjoyed chatting with them.

Rev. Flick of Chicago dropped into the Milwaukee Silent Club with silent films four Sundays ago. All enjoyed watching the show that evening.

Oscar Meyer, the manager of the Milwaukee Silent basketball team, has announced that there will be a basketball game between the Milwaukee Silents and the Chicago Demons at the Armory, which is located at Center and Richards Streets here, on Saturday evening, December 26th. Dance will follow the game. Games start at 8 P.M.

The Milwaukee Silents will start to practice basketball this week. They will enter the Minor A. A. or A. A. A. Division in the Municipal League next month. The names of players and the reports of games will be announced later.

When the reporter visited Charles Svec, his former football mate in Racine, he found that Charles was getting along nicely with his own business of shoemaking there. The reporter attended the card party at the Pleasure Club, which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Maertz that evening. About fourteen deaf were present.

The sister of Mike Ryan passed away here recently.

Leroy Einberger, the school pal of Harold Lewis, was the guest of the reporter at his home here for a week recently. He is a deaf farmer, who resides in Manitowoc, Wis.

The elected officers of the Milwaukee Division, No. 17, for 1936-37 are as follows: President, Joe Angover; Vice-President, Ralph Javore; Secretary, Sam Sutter; Treasurer, H. Booz; Director, W. Krohn; Trustee, Arthur Leisman; Sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Nolte. The installation will take place at the Silent Club, Tuesday evening, January 5th.

Herbert Arnold joined the indoor baseball team of the Auer Twilight League this summer. He is now the proud owner of a gold ball engraved with his initials, his team having won the championship.

Esther Rosenfeld spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Uehling at Racine, Wis., and then with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shawl of Chicago recently. They attended the fine performance given by the deaf people of Akron, Ohio, at Chicago lately.

Ten young friends surprised Miss Lorraine Szablewski, the occasion being her birthday, with a party at her home a month ago. She was the recipient of lovely gifts. All present enjoyed the ever-charming hospitality of her brother, Arthur.

Mr. Carl Manners, a deaf-mute, and also an expert chef, has opened the "B and T" cafe on Fond du Lac Avenue. Business is getting good, he says.

About two hundred deaf and hard of hearing folks attended the baseball party at the Milwaukee Silent Club Saturday evening, December 6th. Various kinds of expensive presents went to the winners of the card games and also to the winners of the door prizes.

Miss Irene Pfahler was awarded the trophy for being the most beautiful girl, having been tendered the most applause by the attendants at the Paris Dance recently. After the prize was given to her, they were surprised to find she was deaf.

Mr. Erie Engh, of Minneapolis, Minn., dropped into Milwaukee recently and visited his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fiedler. At present he is having ten days trail working at Moscoy Dental Co. Here's hoping that he will make good.

### RACINE

The Ladies' Club had a meeting at Mrs. Alfred Cashman's residence recently. Two games were played, "Hearts" and "Anagrams". The hostess served delicious French refreshments.

Mrs. Clara Spears was hurt in an accident in Kenosha, Wis., several weeks ago. Her forehead was badly out. The accident happened in heavy traffic when her son-in-law Clyde Uehling's car was forced to stop suddenly in a traffic jam.

The Pleasure Club had a card party a month ago. Mr. and Mrs. John Maertz were the host and hostess at their residence. "500" was played. Max Lewis and Robert Schneider of Milwaukee attended the party. After a light lunch was served, the "Yes" and "No" trick was played on those present by Max Lewis and Alfred Maertz.

After suspending building operations on a subdivision near Racine for the winter, Ray Fiedler and Alfred Maertz motored to Milwaukee. They went to a Halloween party at the home of Miss Stella Krukowski October 31. The next day they gave a shower for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arnold, newlyweds of Fond du Lac, Wis.

Thomas Meredith was called to work at the Nash-La Fayette plant, lately. He and Frank Harter were forced out of work at Case factory by the striking pickets lines, formed by 600 employees, who were laid off so suddenly on the first of November. We hope it will be settled quickly.

Harold Jorgenson made an overnight visit in Milwaukee a month ago. He helped to celebrate the wedding of his girl friend's brother. He report that a large crowd of relatives and friends had a dance at a rented hall.

Lately Mrs. George Johnson was hostess to the Ladies' Club at a party at her residence in Kenosha, Wis. "500" was played. The time was then spent in sewing colorful patches together for a quilt.

The Nash Motor Co. gives employment to several deaf in its home plant in Kenosha, Wis. Five deaf are working in its Racine, Wis., plant and two work in its Milwaukee body plant.

### LA CROSSE

Angus Begun has been employed at the Coner Printing Office in Viroqua, Wis., for three months. Did you see his new car?

Miss Belle Wartinbee left here for Montreal, Canada, to spend the winter with her sister.

Miss Martha French returned on the 8th of November from a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Kalk at Chippewa Falls, Wis.

The La Crosse Silent Club have met on the third Saturday evening of each month at the Y. M. C. A. since last September. They had a basket social in October. They are expecting a bigger crowd this month. Remember the date! The third Saturday of every month.

Laurel O'Phein, aunt of Angus Begun, invited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Boldt and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wagner to supper in honor of Angus' birthday a month ago. He received many nice gifts.

Mr. Henry M. O'Neill passed away at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., a short time ago. He was 68 years old. He is survived by his wife;

four sons, John, Cyryl, Roy and Hubert; four sisters, Mrs. T. Buettler, Mrs. Schwabenbauer and Sister Mary Flavia, all of La Crosse, and Sophia O'Neill of Kellogg, Minn.; two brothers, William of Chicago and Joseph of La Crosse.

Harvey Boldt, Frank Krajewski, W. Fitzpatrick and Carl Wagner were among the pallbearers. Mr. O'Neill was a pupil of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf.

The last football game was played between the Wisconsin and Iowa Schools for the Deaf at Council Bluffs recently. The score was 46 to 0 in favor of the Iowans.

The Wisconsin School for the Deaf basketball team walloped the Alumni, 44 to 23, at the State School gymnasium lately. Later on the W. S. D. team lost by 29 to 23 to St. Catherine High at Racine, Wis.

The State Board of Control has succeeded in securing a grant of over \$50,000 from the Federal Government for a new building for the Wisconsin School for the Deaf. The Board will secure bids on the building within the next six weeks. However, in the meantime it will be necessary to re-write the specifications to comply with the Federal requirements. It is understood that about twenty skilled workmen will be selected from the W. P. A. group to assist with the new building. The Board intends to have this building completed in time for the school year beginning next September.

Early in November Mrs. Carrie Thompson was struck by an automobile while walking across Walworth Ave. in Delavan. She had one of her legs broken and suffered other bruises, as she was dragged along the street by the car. She is now recuperating at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Robinson.

Rural electrification is reaching in to the farmers around this neighborhood. The farm home and farm buildings of Tracy Jones are being wired, and soon they will be able to throw out the old kerosene can, and no longer will Mrs. Jones have to clean lamp chimneys of a Sunday morning.

Delavan Division, No. 80, honored the ladies who helped to promote that big picnic last September 6th at a party following the regular meeting on November 7th. The evening was spent playing games. They were nearly all ladies' games, and winners were rewarded with suitable prizes.

Marvin Goff returned from the north woods deerless recently. His ability to handle a blunderbuss was not to blame, however. He was laid up in bed most of the time he was up there. He tramped around one forenoon and then took to his bunk until time to return home.

Miss Mildred Phillips became the bride of Mr. Francis McLean in Rockford, Ill., on Saturday November 14th. They are now living in Lake Geneva, Wis., where Mr. McLean has a job as a linotype operator.

MAX LEWIS.

## WATCH NIGHT

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Mr. Benjamin Ash, Secretary, 5 1/2 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Anna Feger, chairman of the Entertainments, wishes to remind all of the socials the last Saturday of each month. From the Nevins Street station (I. R. T. subway) or the DeKalb Avenue station (B. M. T.), take the DeKalb trolley car and stop at Adelphi Street.

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TODAY we are well within the reflected halo of Christmas and its festivities, that period of joyful salutation in which we observe the day of days and its reminiscences of merry gatherings of other times. It is that glorious day wherein the Saviour's birth is commemorated—a hallowed and gracious time. While it is essentially the gala-day of childhood, more elderly, sedate people enjoy the opportunity to join in the blissful chorus of old—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth good-will toward men." In this kindly spirit we wish you all

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

IN THE approach of each recurrent Christmas pater and mater familias are under a heavy siege, and are apt to be put to a stretching of the imagination in meeting the queries of Young Hopefuls—"Who is Santa Claus?" "Where does he live?" The questions are confessedly difficult to circumvent, and compel the resort to fibs, or white lies, to meet the emergency. These surely are venial in the embarrassment of meeting the curiosity of the little ones.

The mystic record of old reassures us, with respect to Kris Kringle, the Christmas tree and the mistletoe. We may complacently tell the children that the original of the Santa Claus idea is connected with St. Nicholas, the accredited bishop of Myra, who died in the year 326. He was very fond of children, and became their patron saint. He became the purveyor of the gifts of the season to the children of Flanders and Holland, who put up their stockings at Christmas Eve in the confidence that Santa Claus, or Knecht Clobes, as they called him, would put in gifts for good conduct before morning.

Formerly, and still in some parts of Germany, the practice is followed by all the parents of a small village, of sending the presents to some one

person, who, dressed in a white robe, high buskins, a mask, and a large flax wig, goes from house to house on Christmas Eve, and is received with great reverence. He calls for the children of the house and bestows gifts upon them, after first questioning the parents as to the character and conduct of each child. This is the Santa Claus of Germany. As the custom became less frequently observed, there followed that of hanging up stockings, and it became necessary to tell the children that Santa Claus came to each house in his reindeer train, coming down the chimney, leaving gifts and departing. This is the original practice in this country, introduced by the Dutch of Nieuw Amsterdam (New York) whose Santa Claus was probably known as Knecht Rupert.

We probably owe the custom of the Christmas tree to some parts of Germany, or the North of Europe, and it was because of the good omen attached to the evergreens. It was an ancient belief that sylvan spirits might flock to the evergreens and, unripped by frost, remain until a milder season. As for the mistletoe, it was intimately connected with many of the superstitions of the Druids in Britain and of the ancient Germans. Kissing under the mistletoe is a well-known Christmas custom in America, England and Northern Europe. It is said to owe its origin to an ancient Scandinavian myth. Balder, the Apollo of Northern mythology, was pursued by Loki, an evil spirit. But Friga, Balder's mother, had laid "everything that springs from fire, earth, air or water" under bonds not to harm her son. The mistletoe not coming under this category, Loki made an arrow of it, with which Balder was slain. But all the gods and goddesses cried out to Odin to restore to life their beloved companion, and their prayer was granted. The mistletoe was then given to the goddess of love to keep, and every one passing under it received a kiss, to show that it was an emblem of love and not of death.

It is of interest to note the large number of pioneers in the education of the American deaf who were born in the season covered by the winter months. This reminds us that the anniversary of the birth of Laurent Clerc, the first instructor of the deaf of our country who was himself deaf, occurs on December 26th. To the group of men and women in our country who have devoted their lives to the education of the deaf, their accomplishments are at all times, worthy of remembrance. They deserve our esteem as a group that has given the best part of their lives toward the mental and spiritual improvement of others; in addition they sought to prepare their pupils to obtain and hold a place that would provide them with material comfort as adult, useful citizens in the communities in which they may reside.

Laurent Clerc, born at La Balme, Canton of Crenmieu, Department of Isere, France, on December 26, 1785, was descended from a family of superior lineage, evidence of which was frequently indicated in his own career. At his birth he was in all respects a normal child; a serious accident in

childhood resulted in his deafness. Passing over his years as a student at the Royal Institution for the Deaf in Paris, it interests us particularly to learn that he became an eminent professor at that school, his accomplishments being considered by the Abbe Sicard among the highest ever attained by a student. In addition to the assistance he rendered to Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet in founding the first school for the deaf in America, the training he afforded to potential heads of schools later to be established in various States, gave an impetus to the education of the deaf that eventually resulted in a nation-wide recognition of the rights and abilities of those to whom fate had denied the advantage of hearing.

The numerous remarkable incidents of Mr. Clerc's life that showed his great intellectual power—his poise and self-possession in addressing and convincing large and distinguished bodies of statesmen, legislators and other celebrities, his whole-souled devotion to the cause that originally led him to leave home and friends to come to a foreign shore, indicated the profound sincerity and devotion to the profession in which he was engaged. Above all, his proficiency as a teacher, his nobility of mind, his chivalry, his self-confidence for the task before him led him to foresee that the result of his efforts would necessarily be distant rather than instant, but eventually become effective and permanent. In this his foresight proved true, as has been shown in the final outcome.

WE HAVE but recently learned of the passing to the higher life of Mrs. Bella Fisher Shattuck, whose death occurred on November 10th. She had been ill only a few days when a heart attack brought her end.

As Sarah Bell Fisher she entered Fanwood as a pupil in September, 1870, coming from Dunkirk, Chautauqua County. Possessing fine mental ability, she made rapid progress in studies, completed the full course and graduated with the Class of 1883, which was distinguished for its brilliant group of young scholars. At graduation she received the Demilt Prize for Character and Scholarship, and also the Jumel award for painting.

Sometime after graduating she became the wife of Charles B. Shattuck of Cohocton, N. Y., who was also a graduate of Fanwood. In addition to attaining a high standing in studies, he was one of the greatest athletes Fanwood has known.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE with thanks the receipt of the All Souls' Kalendar. It is a beautiful specimen of the printing art, for which we are indebted to the kindness of Rev. Henry J. Pulver, B.D., Vicar of All Souls' Church for the Deaf, Philadelphia.

## Sundry

On Thursday, December 15th, Mrs. E. Florence Long, relict of the lamented Dr. J. S. Long, started on a two-weeks vacation trip to Florida. Her first stop will be a day in Chicago with relatives, and then St. Augustine for a couple of more days, seeing that historic old city, after which she expects to spend the rest of her vacation at Miami Beach.

Miss Mary Sommers of Bridgeport, N. J., died on November 30th last.

## Miami, Florida

Mrs. George S. Porter of Trenton, N. J., arrived in Miami last week. The widow of the late George S. Porter, for 25 years printing instructor and publisher of the *Silent Worker* magazine, is not a stranger. She was here in 1934. Mrs. Porter is staying for the present with her friend, Rutha Curtiss.

Mr. and Mrs. Creel C. Quinley of Washington, D. C., have arrived in Miami, and have taken an apartment for the winter.

Sunday, December 20th, arrived Mrs. Kessler of Knoxville, Tenn., to spend the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Kennedy, in Miami. Mr. Kessler is expected in a few days. They own a house in Miami which is booked up with winter visitors, and is managed by her brother, Henry C. Morris and his wife.

One month earlier than last year, the trains from the north are arriving in extra sections over the Florida East Coast via the Atlantic Coast Line, which has the best trains. We hold no brief for the F. E. C. It is the only line double-tracked to Miami. At the height of the season the Florida Special arrives in the afternoon in seven sections, piling up 56 Pullmans and diners, or a million dollars worth of railroad equipment on a ten-minute headway, taking one hour, ten minutes, where two hours before the yards were deserted like a whistle stop.

Sunday, December 20th, the Miami bible class was conducted by Supt. Frank E. Philpott of St. Cloud. It was well attended, as were the afternoon services. The sermon was on "Good Neighbors," was impressive and much enjoyed. Mrs. Philpott signed "Old Rugged Cross." The Philpotts left in the afternoon for services at Fort Worth that evening.

The Christmas Party at the League rooms will be long remembered. Hope Jaeger and her mother, Mrs. Sentz, were the soul of the affair, giving of their time and means, with favors for everyone, also giving the Christmas tree. We thank them, and all others who helped. A big box of presents for the children in the St. Augustine school was made up. They were presents for each member, contributed incognito. Little Dorris Johnson, fresh from the dancing academy, her shoes soled with horse shoes, tapped and jiggled to the League piano, which was given a real work-out that night. It was an affair one will put down in their diary in red ink for remembrance.

The Miami Chapter of the Dixie Association met at 3 P.M., Sunday, December 13th. President Rou was in the chair. The proceeds of the garden party, amounting to \$55, have been sent to Carl Holland for the Florida Old People Home, with more to come. After the meeting friends of Leone Schatzkin hurried to the airport to await her arrival like a bird from the north. But she was already waiting in the lounge-room, having arrived an hour ahead of schedule, thanks to a tail wind.

The Blounts have rented out all but one of their apartments for the winter.

At the last meeting of the Dixie Association, Miami Chapter, Sunday, December 13th, there were *ten new subscriptions* to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL by members eager to keep posted on the coming winter's social program and doings.

Mrs. J. Schuyler Long of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is sojourning in Florida for her two weeks vacation from teaching in the Iowa School. She will enjoy Christmas in Miami by the sea for the first time in her life.

E. R.

## Miami Bible Class

Meets every Sunday 11 A.M., White Temple, corner Third Street and Second Avenue, N.E., Miami, Florida. Deaf visitors welcome.



## CHICAGOLAND

Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet's birthday was observed by Chicago Deafdom for the first time in many years, when All-Angels' gave its program on the 9th of December, Wednesday night. Mrs. Arthur Shawl and the Reid sisters staged it as a card social for benefit of the Christmas Tree of the parish, realizing \$20; then came the literary features. The Rev. George Frederick Flick orated on Gallaudet. With living reproductions of the historic statue (C. B. Kemp as Gallaudet, and little Dorothy Hagemeyer as Alice Cogswell). Miss Katherine Kilcoyne recited a poem on our pioneer. Mrs. Frieda Meagher gave a story about Mrs. Gallaudet.

For two consecutive Saturdays in the month of December there were twin cross dates of different clubs, but they hardly ever affected the success of every one of them, since the overhead was proportionately low. Well, December 5th, saw two separate affairs. One was sponsored by the Chicago Demons Association with cards and dance at Smith's Hall, 3859 North Oakley Avenue, which drew mostly young people. The other a private one, the club birthday banquet followed by a floor show, was the annual treat Chicago League of the Hebrew Deaf gave its own members at Bloom's Restaurant, 500 West North Avenue, where about forty-five were present.

The other Saturday night, the 12th, witnessed the annual bazaar under the auspices of the Lutheran Church for the Deaf at its own headquarters. The same night Chicago Bowling Association for the Deaf put over its first card party at Lincoln Turner Hall, on Diversey Parkway.

The next day after the banquet, the Chicago League of Hebrew Deaf held its regular meeting at the Atlantic Hotel, Sunday, December 6th. New members were admitted by wholesale. This makes seventeen in all since the Open House they gave recently. New officers for the year of 1937 were elected: Louis Rozett, president; James Epstein, vice-president; Helen Goldstein, secretary; Emanuel Mayer (reelected), treasurer; Louis Wallack, trustee for three years.

Reelection by 100 per cent marked the recent meeting of the Canvas-Kissers as follows: Emanuel Mayer, president; L. Cosentino, vice-president; George Brislen, secretary; Charles Hutton, treasurer; and Walter Wilkineng and Joe Stulga, trustees.

Notable progress has been made in the changes of the official personnel of Chicago Division, No. 1, N. F. S. D. For President, Louis Massinkoff, was elected; Vice-President, Elmer Olson, the youngest of all 1937 officers and winner of five new members for the same division; Secretary, Harry Keesal (re-elected); Treasurer, John Anderson, seventh consecutive year; Director, Colignon; trustee for three years, Benjamin Greenheck and two Sergeant-at-Arms, Dan Dekker and Belzany. The election was on December 4th, in Corinthian Hall, Capitol Building, State and Randolph. There will be an installation of officers at the same place on the evening of January 1, 1937.

At that meeting of the same division, there was a record increase of members, all young and husky: Lucius O. May, Woodrow W. Morris, William G. Sendelbaugh, Jr., Joseph Kessler, Henry Ciszcon and Anthony M. O. Bianco.

Mrs. Alice LaMotte was married to W. Marsch, November 28th.

Odell Ballman dropped here over Thanksgiving holidays from Detroit. Matt Heinz married Mrs. Ruth Geyer on the 5th.

Like a rubberball Ralph Weber went to New York City for a prospective job and came back. He was in

time to vote at the meeting of the Chicago Division.

Mrs. Buelteman was killed by a car in St. Louis, December 5th.

Melville Cox, stereotyper on the Hearst sheets, for nearly 30 years, suffered a second stroke recently.

Mrs. Ralph Weber is said to have gone with her parents for a California trip.

Hosea Hooper, leaving us two or three years ago for his native Texas, is reported seriously ill in an Akron hospital.

Newspapers featured the death of Mrs. Walter Michaelson's grandmother, aged 102.

Before we could get news of the illness of Mrs. C. L. Johnson (Sadie Frye) in print, she expired in Elgin, December 3rd.

Mrs. Cornelia Goodrich Riall's only daughter is dead.

The Ladislaus Cherrys bought a Plymouth for Christmas. No, not a Plymouth Rock hen; it's a car.

Since Arthur L. Shawl was attending the funeral of a relative in Tennessee, friends undertook the birthday party for Mrs. Shawl, on the 13th. Mr. Shawl will remain in Nashville until around the 15th of January, when he expects to be called back to work, the time when seasonal demand for rubber tires begins. Martin Lowe, cousin of Shawl, likewise stopped there, abruptly called back with his mother from their California trip to attend the funeral of the same relative, who was his grandfather. P. LIVSHIS.

3811 W. Harrison St.

### All Angels' Church for the Deaf (Episcopal)

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Mr. FREDERICK W. HENRICH, Lay-Reader

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Social Supper, second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 P.M., with entertainment following at 8 P.M.

Get-together socials at 8 P.M., all other Wednesdays. (Use Racine Ave. entrance) Minister's address, 6336 Kenwood Avenue.

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Organized December, 1924  
Incorporated May, 1925

The First and the Only Society of the Hebrew Deaf in Chicago

Socials and cards, first Sunday of each month from October to and including June. Literary and other special programs announced in the Chicago column from time to time. For further information, write to Louis Rozett, 4845 North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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## OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to William T. Uren, School for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio

James P. Jones, 73 years old, resident of the Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf, was struck by a truck Saturday, December 12th, while walking near the Home. The driver of the truck said he did not see the aged man until he was 15 feet away. In a last minute effort to avoid striking Mr. Jones, the driver ran his auto into a ditch, but too late as the auto side-swiped Mr. Jones and threw him several feet. The aged man died from his injuries on Monday night. He is survived by a half-sister, Mrs. Cloys P. McClelland, wife of the Franklin County probate judge, and two half brothers, Rev. Willoughby Shank of Logan, and Frank Jones of Florida.

James Ryan, that cheerful Irishman, who has been in charge of the printing shop of the school for so many years, underwent an emergency operation for acute appendicitis at the White Cross Hospital some time during the weekend. At the time of writing he was reported doing as nicely as could be expected.

Mr. A. J. Beckert is going around with a beaming face these days since he marked down on the treasurer's books the sum of \$240, that was collected from the teachers and employees during the recent Community Fund Drive.

Mr. Abernathy, our superintendent, sent a letter to each teacher and employee when handing out the Community Fund pledge cards, and suggested that they divide their donations between the Community Fund and the Home. The teachers and employees followed the suggestion and the Home Fund is richer by \$240.

Strange as it seems, the Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf has never been included among the agencies served by the Community Fund, and this did not seem right to many, so Mr. Abernathy has now given them a chance to right the wrong, with the good results above mentioned. It is hoped that the idea will spread to other cities in the future, and the Home will greatly benefit from it.

A fire, started by a corn husking machine, destroyed a large barn and lots of farm machinery on the farm operated by Hugh A. Wright, Sr., at Cardington. The loss was not covered by insurance. The Wright family had leased the farm. They are moving from their present abode to Mrs. Cleo Shaffer's farm in Westfield township.

Reports are circulated that Miss Emma Wright was married to Mr. Harold Katz of Lorain, last summer. Mr. Katz makes his home in Columbus at the present time, he works as a sub-linotype operator for the Columbus Citizen. As soon as he gets more settled Mrs. Katz will join him here.

A romance that endured through school days and after graduation last May came to a happy ending (or should I say beginning), with the marriage of Miss Helen Hesse of Cleveland, to Mr. Vergil Shroyer of Urbana, at Springfield, on December 5th. The happy couple have the best wishes of the writer and their many friends for a happy and prosperous future.

One of our teachers is going around with a proud gleam in her eyes of late, she is Miss Bessie McGregor, her sister, Miss Jeannette McGregor, has been appointed director of Iowa State Emergency Relief headquarters at Des Moines.

The Works Progress Administration has approved two large projects for the Ohio School. The first project calls for an expenditure of \$22,887. This provides for improvements on the buildings, etc. The other project calls for an expenditure of \$70,799. This will go for new roads and walks. The school grounds are to be landscaped and a new fountain built in.

Superintendent Abernathy declares that he will insist on deaf workers as much as possible.

The writer can assure his readers that no one is more relieved that the King Edward VIII and Mrs. Simpson question is over. Being born in England and adopting the United States as my home, made everyone think I was an authority on English Parliamentary Laws and the British Crown, so whenever anyone met me the usual question was asked, "What do you think of the King and Wally?" I am now an American citizen and think we have enough troubles to worry about over here, so let the other countries look after their own. About 90% of those who thought the King should marry Mrs. Simpson and keep the throne did not know of the questions and difficulties of such a union or they would change their mind, but as I said in the first place, it is England's worry, not ours.

This pen pusher wishes all his readers, friends and critics a very happy and prosperous New Year.

WM. T. UREN.

## The Capital City

Under the management of the Baptist Sunbeam Society, a Christmas entertainment was held in the Deaf Department of Calvary Baptist Church on Friday night, December 18th.

Mr. William Lowell, dressed as Santa Claus, cheered the children from a big bag of goodies on his back. The hall was thronged with happy faces. Mrs. Roy J. Stewart was chairman of the evening.

Rev. Mr. A. D. Bryant, after prayers, gave an absorbing story of a man who was waiting for Christ to call. Pretty cups and saucers were the gifts of Mrs. Bryant to the children. A beautiful pot of artificial plants for a table decoration was the gift of the Sunbeam Society to Mrs. Bryant. At the close of the entertainment ice-cream cones and cakes were served. Mrs. William Lowell is president; Mrs. Roy J. Stewart, vice-president; Mrs. Dorsey, secretary, and Miss Dunn, treasurer.

Mr. Simon B. Alley was called to Roanoke upon the death of his father, aged 85, Wednesday, December 9th.

The W. W. Duvalls are enjoying riding in a swell Plymouth four-door sedan, James Bowen being the owner and chauffeur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Souder are in town, stopping with the Councils for the winter. Mr. Souder was greeted at the Baptist Christmas entertainment.

The monthly meeting of the "Lit" was held on Wednesday night, December 16th. More details will be in the next issue.

Miss Lillian Mae Houdyshele of Staunton, is in town, looking for a job. She is now with the Ed. Isaacsons.

Sunday evening, December 13th, Mrs. Roy J. Stewart took charge of the service at the Baptist Mission. Her subject was "Faith." Mrs. W. W. Duvall rendered the Twenty-third Psalm.

Mrs. Mary Gordon, who was born and raised in Baltimore, Md., and who has been living in this city for about two years, has just moved back to her birthplace again.

Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Lowell, Mrs. M. O. Roberts visited the Baptist Mission on December 13th.

A business meeting of St. Barnabas' Mission was held Wednesday night, December 9th. Thomas Wood was elected to fill the vacancy of treasurer left by the death of John Edelen. In memoriam of our beloved pastor, Hobart Lorraine Tracy, it was moved and passed to purchase a head stone for his grave.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everybody.

MRS. C. C. COLBY.



## MINNESOTA

News items for this column, and subscriptions, should be sent to Wesley Lauritsen, School for the Deaf Faribault, Minnesota.

### BLANCHE MARIE HANSEN

A beautiful sweet spirit took its flight on November 18th, when Blanche Marie Hansen completed her course in life and passed to the Great Beyond.

By strange coincidence, the Master graduated Blanche Marie Hansen and Anne Sullivan Macy from this life to the greater at almost the same time. Miss Hansen made the education of Vera Gammon, Minnesota's deaf-blind woman, her life work. Mrs. Macy's life work was educating Helen Keller. Success crowned the efforts of both of these women, whom we shall see no more, since they have gone to a happier sphere.

Blanche Hansen became deaf in early girlhood from an attack of scarlet fever. She attended the Minnesota School for the Deaf in the nineties, graduating with the highest honors in 1899. She attended Gallaudet, receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1904. Three years later she was appointed teacher to Vera Gammon, who was then ready to begin her formal education. Through Miss Hansen's infinite patience and tireless energy Vera Gammon was able to complete the course at the Minnesota School in the regular time, twelve years, and she was graduated in 1919.

Besides being her teacher, Miss Hansen was a companion to Vera Gammon during her school days. They became inseparable companions, and Miss Hansen made her home at the St. Paul residence of Vera Gammon after the latter's school days were over.

The deaf of Minnesota extend their deepest sympathy to Vera Gammon in the loss of her teacher, friend, and companion. Surely, when Blanche Marie Hansen entered her heavenly home the Master said, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The Minnesota School for the Deaf family is growing! Late on Sunday evening, December 13th, Doctor Stork delivered a darling baby girl weighing eight and one-half pounds. The happy parents are Superintendent and Mrs. Leonard M. Elstad. The entire school family of close to four hundred joins with the heads of the Institution in the rejoicing.

The Reverend Homer Grace of Denver, Col., held services for the Faribault Deaf on Thursday evening, December 10th. A good crowd was in attendance. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed, two reels of movies and refreshments being on the program.

The Reverend Arthur Dahms of Chicago, Ill., recently christened the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Foster of Walnut Grove, Minn. The youngster will go through life bearing the name of John William.

The George Duntermans of Amiret, Minn., had as their guests on Thanksgiving Day Mr. and Mrs. Ole Evans and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Larson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. William Foster and family.

Miss Pearl Thomas of Mineota, Minn., had as her Turkey Day guests the Howard Jonsons and Mrs. William Ochs of New Ulm.

After Virgil Rasmussen of Balaton, Minn., had traded his puddle jumper of ancient vintage for a 1928 Chevrolet, he decided to give the "new horse" a testing and made a trip to Des Moines.

The Cosmos Club held its December meeting at the Louis A. Roth home. Linotype instructor Tovio Lindholm entertained the members with an interesting paper on "Russia Today." He said that many of the stories we had heard about Russia were not true and that it was really

a progressive nation. To windup the evening delicious refreshments were served, Mr. Roth being assisted in this end by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, who are living with him.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 9th, the Faribault Aux Frats met at the home of Mrs. Fred Von Rueden.

Four years ago a wonderful \$100,000 gymnasium was completed on the campus of the Minnesota School for the Deaf. For a decade the School had been without a basketball floor of its own, and only enough boys to form a team were able to play through the courtesy of the Shattuck School officials. Since the new gymnasium has been open interest in basketball has run high, and practically every boy enrolled at the School has been out for practice. Each year has seen a gradual improvement in the calibre of the teams, and the 1936-1937 edition appears to be a top notcher. The second team, too, is playing good basketball. It has a full schedule, playing the second teams of all schools on the first team schedule.

Only two games were played before the holidays, Wanamingo High School furnishing the opposition on December 4th, and Kenyon on December 10th. The deaf boys defeated Wanamingo by a one-sided score. Kenyon High School was met on the small Kenyon court where the team has for years been invincible. It was a nip and tuck affair, the score being tied several times during the first half. However, the deaf staged a determined rally in the second period and won the game, 20 to 15.

As this is being written on December 14th, the Yule Spirit already prevails. Yesterday a Christmas party was tendered the Lutheran students of the School by the Reverend J. L. Salvner and his church in town. Tomorrow evening the Reverend Henry O. Bjorlie will have his large Lutheran flock at his Ephphatha Church for the annual Christmas festivities. Wednesday evening the Catholic Church entertains the Catholic students, and on Thursday evening all of the students will attend a program and party in the School Auditorium. A small number of children will stay at the School during the holidays and they will be entertained by Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. Additional parties will be held during the vacation.

Mrs. Lauritsen joins me in wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our Christmas message is:

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And cheer be yours this Christmas tide  
And hope and joy and loved ones dear  
Be with you through the coming year.

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## Frederick, Md.

With the departure of the last of the 180 pupils for home this crisp morning of Friday, December 18th, dropped the curtain, the Maryland State School for the Deaf closing for the Yuletide recess which lasts until the fourth of January.

With a few exceptions the teachers have scattered to the homes of relatives or friends, be it far or near. Miss Elvira Wohlstrom is leaving for sunny Florida, where she will spend her vacation.

The closing event at the school took place in the auditorium last night. The Christmas tree exercises were considered by many as the best ever. Long before 7 o'clock the hour set for the opening exercise guests began to arrive. Soon it was filled to overflowing. On the program were Percussion Orchestra, Christmas Play, Singing of Christmas Carols, Dances, a Tableau and the address of Dr. Bjorlee on "The World Needs Christmas."

In the midst of distribution of gifts piled under a beautifully decorated and lighted evergreen appeared Santa Claus, impersonated by one of the pupils, George Singer, who, in behalf of the pupils, presented Mr. Harry Benson, in his 44th year as printing instructor, and the writer with I. E. S. floor lamps. The latter's was a gift from the Ely Literary Society which he founded in 1909. Mr. Benson's present came from his printing shop boys.

Many parents attended the exercises, at the conclusion of which they took their children home with them.

Out-of-town alumni visitors who enjoyed the exercises were: Rev. D. E. Moylan, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Babington, Messrs. Lester Miner and Roscoe Houpt.

Monthly services for the city deaf were conducted by the Reverend Mr. D. E. Moylan at Calvary M. E. Church, November 29th. Two score older pupils of the school attended. From here he went to Hagerstown to preach to the deaf there.

The Smoker-initiation of the Baltimore Division No. 47 held at Italia Hall on the night of November 21st, attracted from this city Messrs. Robert Quinn, Uriah Shockley, Marion and Alan Cramer, Leonard Downes, Arthur Winebrener, Roland Murray, and George Faupel. The last four persons, Mrs. Faupel and George Faupel, Jr., comprised a party going to College Park, Md., by way of the Capitol, to attend the University of Maryland versus Georgetown University football game at Byrd Stadium.

After spending a month at the home of her mother Mrs. Marion Cramer returned to Frederick on November 23rd.

Mr. John Barthlow gave up his job with the Baltimore Press Company and came to Frederick recently. Now we find him working as a laborer on the super highway in course of building between Hagerstown and this city under the P. W. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harmon motored to Frederick early on the morning of November 22nd and took Mrs. Marion McVernon and children to Philadelphia to spend the day with relatives. Returning Mrs. Mabel Gilmour, who preceded the party to the City of Brotherly Love by a day, accompanied them.

Mr. Clifton Beckner of Westernport, Md., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Shockley, Sunday, November 22nd. He was one of the fifteen members of the initiation class the evening before in Baltimore.

November 22d, Mr. and Mrs. William Duvall, Mr. Race Drake, veteran star player on the Gallaudet College football team, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Emil Roth, in whose car the trip was made, were Washington visitors at the school.

The basketball team of the Maryland School has made a most impressive record as a starter and to the

satisfaction of Coach James McVernon. Four games have been played to date, all of them being on the local court.

The season opened with a game on the night of December 4th, with Briarley Hall Military Academy team, much stronger and faster than the one that made its appearance last season. However, the Silentees, who trailed at intermission, rallied to clinch the game—31 to 26. The second with Boonesboro C. C. C. on December 8th, which ended 52-12 in our favor, looked much like a practice game. All five substitutes were used. Two days later the veteran Georgetown Prep. team fell before the deaf, 29-22. This nip and tuck game kept the spectators on edge. Blue Ridge College bowed to the school lads December 16th. The Collegians, one of the star players being Murray Faupel, the writer's son, had the better of the silents in the first half. The final whistle found the B. R. C. on the short end of a 39-28 score.

Athletic Manager Benson submits for publication the following tentative schedule:

January 8.—Charlestown, W. Va., H. S., at home.  
January 13.—Littlestown, Pa., H. S., at home.  
January 16.—St. James School, away.  
January 22-23.—Tournament at Kendall Green, Washington, D. C.  
January 29.—Blue Ridge College, away.  
February 2.—Waynesboro, Pa., H. S., at home.  
February 5.—Littlestown H. S., away.  
February 12.—Briarley Hall Military Academy, away.  
February 19-20.—Eastern States Tournament, New Jersey School for the Deaf, Trenton, N. J.  
March 9.—Charlestown, H. S., away.  
March 13.—M. S. S. D. Alumni, at home.  
December 18th. F.

### Lexington School Notes

There were two very interesting visitors on December 15th, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Le Clerc. They are on their honeymoon trip. They came all the way from California.

Mr. Le Clerc was educated in our school fifty-three years ago and was a pupil of Mrs. Driscoll during his final year in school.

Mr. Le Clerc is a photo-engraver. He has been sent by his company to all important cities in the United States and also to Europe and Asia. Now he is retired, but he has had a successful business career. Up in the vocational department the teachers asked him if speech and lip-reading were helpful in his work and to this he replied, "Nobody can tell how much."

School closed on December 22nd for the mid-winter vacation. It will reopen on January 4th.

The Catholic pupils were invited to the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer on December 15th for a Christmas party. They were entertained by a puppet show and were given lovely presents and boxes of candy.

Some of the Protestant religious classes had a Christmas party at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. The classes also had a tree and party in school, with presents for all.

While the Catholic and the Protestant pupils had Christmas parties, the Jewish pupils had a Chanukah party. The older pupils bought gifts for the younger ones, which was quite a surprise for the little tots. There was a play and a dance by two girls. Refreshments were served and prizes were given to the winners. Each older pupil received initialed stationery and a membership card to the Young Judea League.

Mr. Rains, president of our Board of Trustees, gave a box of handkerchiefs to each pupil for Christmas and Chanukah.

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## Gallaudet College

By Felix Kowalewski

For the fifth successive year, the Martha MacLear Poetry Group of the Education Committee of the Washington Branch of the American Association of University Women announces a poetry contest for undergraduates of the colleges of the District of Columbia and the vicinity. Three prizes, and several honorable mentions will be given. The awards will be made at a dinner at the Association clubhouse on the evening of February 17, 1937. The entrants are limited to only three poem each.

Invitations have been extended to American University, Gallaudet College, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Wilson Teachers College, Trinity College, and the University of Maryland. Miss Elizabeth Peet, Gallaudet's Dean of Women, is one of the committee of five who are in charge of the contest. The judges have yet to be selected.

Gallaudet has always made a fine showing in these contests, places having been won by Lov Golladay, Stephen Koziar, and Earl Sollenberger, '34, and Felix Kowalewski '37. Possible entrants from Gallaudet this year may be Felix Kowalewski, Olaf Tollefson, Alfred Hoffmeister '37, Bertha Marshall '38, Catherine Marshall, Lillian Hahn, Mary Miller '39, and Rex Lowman '40. Although there are many promising poets among the Preparatory Class, we regret to say that Preparatory students are not eligible for this contest.

In a recent issue of the *Washington Sunday Post*, the contributor's corner on the arts and literature page was taken up by a poem "Keep By One Dream" by Mrs. Regina Olson-Hughes. Mrs. Hughes is the wife of Professor Frederick Hughes, and received her B.A. degree at Gallaudet in 1918. She is well-known as an artist and a poet.

Four of Gallaudet's football boys, namely, Alfred Hoffmeister, Dan Long, '37, Norman Brown and Race Drake '38, received honorable mention in the newspapers for the All-District football team. Race Drake was recently elected to captain the 1937 football team.

Saturday evening, December 12, the Blue basketball team journeyed to Baltimore, where they clashed with a powerful Loyola College quintet. Crippled as they were with the loss of so many of last year's veterans, the Blues did not make such a bad showing. Last year, the Loyolas beat them by 11 points, this years score was 38 to 23, a margin of 15 points. However, nothing can be held against the Blues, except that the new players plainly showed lack of experience against college teams.

The margin would have been even much slimmer if the Blues had caged more of their foul baskets, as they caged only a very small number out of some fifteen tries. In shooting for field goals, the Blues outplayed the Greyhounds, but the breaks were against them, as the ball never seemed to want to go through the basket. The game started out with the Greyhounds quickly piling up three goals. Then the Blues started to click, and brought the score to 7 to 6, but thereafter, the Greyhounds ran away with the baskets, and were in the lead, 21 to 9 at half-time.

The second half was a thriller, mainly because, although the Greyhounds found the basket oftener, the Blues had the ball in their possession a greater amount of the time. There were many spectacular plays on the part of our boys, but these were very often marred by bad playing and poor shooting.

On the whole, for all the criticism levelled against them, the Blues, with more practice and more teamwork and attention to their coach's system, should be able to provide a somewhat stiff opposition to New

York's much-touted Long Island University, when the two teams clash on the University court in Brooklyn on New Year's night.

### Basketball schedule:

Jan. 1st, Long Island University—There  
Jan. 8th, Maryland Teachers College—There  
Jan. 9th, Gallaudet Alumni—Home  
Jan. 16th, American University—There  
Jan. 22d, Southeastern University—There  
Jan. 23d, University of Baltimore—There  
Jan. 29th, Maryland Teachers College—Home  
Feb. 4th, Johns Hopkins University—There  
Feb. 6th, Southeastern University—Home  
Feb. 12th, Elizabethtown College—Home  
Feb. 19th, Open  
Feb. 20th, Bridgewater College—Home  
Feb. 27th, Bridgewater College—There  
March 5th, Elizabethtown College—There

Alfred Hoffmeister and Race Drake have been elected co-captains of the Blue basketball team. The Blues are priming for their New York trip over the New Year holidays. Although they are severely weakened this year, the Blues are out to keep up the Gallaudet do-or-die tradition, and hope to give something of a battle to Long Island University.

In the opening match of their season, the Blue grapplers nosed out Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, 20 to 18, at the Old Gym, Friday night. In the 118 pound division, Melgard (P) threw Hess in 5½ minutes. Hess is a newcomer to the game, but made a splendid showing for his first intercollegiate bout, and we can expect better results in his later matches. Although handicapped by a broken finger, Johnny Glassett provided a thrill for the spectators by a superb exhibition when he threw Lutman in 6 minutes, to bring the score to 5-all. In the 135 pound class, Sheppard (P) earned three points when he defeated Wheeler on a time advantage. King (P) threw Berg in 7 minutes in the 145 class. Jones (G) gave another fine exhibition when he threw Semma in 6 minutes in the 155 pound class. Abrams (P) threw Sellner in 6 minutes in the 165 pound class. Rogers (G) kept up his spectacular work in throwing Milan for a loss in 1¼ minutes in the 175 pound class. This brought the score to 18 to 15, in the Baltimoreans' favor. The decision rested with our captain, Big George Culbertson. Hartka was no match for our doughty captain and kept running away and stalling for time, as, if Culbertson won on a time advantage, that would give him only three points and would make the score a tie, 18 to 18. Angered by the will-o'-the-wisp antics of his opponent, Big George finally pounced on him and bore him to the mat, pinning him with only one minute to spare, and giving Gallaudet 5 points and the victory.

### Wrestling schedule is as follows. All home meets start at 8 P.M.

Jan. 9th, Johns Hopkins University—There  
Jan. 22d, Washington Y. M. C. A.—There  
Jan. 30th, Baltimore City College—Home  
Feb. 19th, University of Maryland—There  
Feb. 26th, University of Maryland—Home.

Sunday morning, the Sophomore Class of 1939 was in charge of the Chapel program. Lillian Hahn opened with a prayer from the Bible, "Doxology" Louis Ritter gave a well-signed poem "Life." Anthony Nogosek gave a short talk on "Religion and the Student." The highlight of the program was the rendition of the old favorite "Onward, Christian Soldiers," by the Misses Ola Benoit, Rhoda Clark, Miriam Mazur, and Catherine Marshall. Mary Miller closed the program with an appropriate prayer.

The students turned out over the week of December 11 to 18 to see the Lamberton dance team at the Capitol Theatre here. Charles and Charlotte are deaf-mute brother and sister, and, through the efforts of their mother, they have risen to

the top of the stage dance-teams, being featured at present with Dave Appollon's vaudeville troupe, "Stars of 1937." Charles recently had dinner with the boys at Gallaudet, and readily proved himself a very likeable chap, not at affected by his career. The Lambertons expect to spend Christmas in Tennessee.

Saturday evening, December 19th, the Washington Y. M. C. A. drubbed the Gallaudet Jayvess, 39 to 26. Wolach lead for the Blues, with 11 points, and Rice helped out with 7 points.

The social schedule for the remainder of the first term is here given:

Thursday, December 24th—Christmas vacation begins. Y. M. S. C.-Y. W. C. A. Christmas program, Chapel Hall, 8 to 10 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass, Franciscan Monastery  
Friday, December 25th—Christmas Day. Mixed supper and social, 6 to 9 P.M.  
Saturday, December 26th—Competitive plays and social, Chapel Hall, 8 to 10 P.M.  
Sunday, December 27th—General calling hour, Chapel Hall, 8 to 9 P.M.  
Thursday, December 31st—New Year's Eve party  
January 1—Basketball, Long Island University, away.  
Monday, January 4th—Second term begins.

### Deaf-Mute Football Play Produces Weird Effect on Opponents

Thomas S. Rice in Brooklyn Eagle, Nov. 29, 1936

Glancing over the scores in this football season, my eye spotted a note that Gallaudet College had beaten a pretty good team. That brought back many memories. Gallaudet College for the Deaf was founded in 1864 by Edward Miner Gallaudet, who devoted his life to teaching the deaf and dumb to read the lips and otherwise accomplish wonders in overcoming their handicaps. The school has had a football team ever since back in the 90s and in 1895 and 1896 my Baltimore City College team played the mutes on their grounds.

That was an experience never to be forgotten. As the Gallaudet boys were unable to hear or to speak among themselves they usually went into a huddle before a play. In fact, they were the first of the regular huddlers. Having decided upon their course the mutes would start and be in motion on what was, to outsiders, a mysterious, unseen unheard signal that was communicated simultaneously to all the players, including the ends and the four in the backfield.

Gallaudet's coaches and players were fully aware of the psychological effect of their soundless start and made much of it. For one thing, they perfected the best turtleback play in the country and with it made many a better team look foolish. Other teams had turtlebacks in those days of the mass play. It was a sort of whirling, mass drive from one side of the line through guard or tackle on the other side. The backs played in close. With a ho, heave, ho, and a ramming butt, four backs, a guard and a tackle would pound at the poor geek on the other side, who also had to face the guard or tackle immediately in front of him.

It was considered a great maneuver in those days and was as dangerous as it was effective. The turtle back was one of the plays legislated out of existence, as then used, when the rule against piling up was passed around 1910. One of the Middle West big colleges made a specialty of the turtleback and had it down pat, but not as much so as Gallaudet. The mutes had reduced the play to a marvel of cooperation and co-ordination. That skill was combined with the mental edge they gained by their silent start.

It was uncanny. Without a sound the entire Gallaudet eleven would be in action. The effect was invariably startling and invariably caught the other more or less off balance. In the case of ordinary teams the opposing players could hear the signals called and were ready for the play to get under way, but with Gallaudet calling no signals or making any visible sign but

every man moving without warning, opponents had a momentary sensation of fighting something in the dark.

I never know a linesman who faced the Gallaudet turtleback who was not frankly and profanely afraid of it because the mass had, in addition to the forward impetus, the aforementioned whirling motion which tended to knock a linesman sidewise and to confuse him about the exact location of the man carrying the ball. All of which was bad enough, but when sprung with the disconcerting silence of the Gallaudet team the turtleback added about 20 pounds per man to the Gallaudet attack.

Speaking of the silence of the Gallaudet attack, that did not apply to the school's student rooters. They were by no means silent. They could not engage in systematic cheering but they emitted the queerest and most hair-raising cries, every man different, that could be heard anywhere else in the world. And do not think that the weird rooting and exhortation didn't produce results. Gallaudet's eleven could not hear it but the other fellows did, which fact further increased their mental confusion.

That Gallaudet cheering is one of the few unusual sounds which has not been sent over the radio. Ted Husing or Bill Slater might well cover a Gallaudet game some day and let the listeners hear Gallaudet cheering a touchdown. Or they might visit the school in the base ball season and cut in on rooting that has no parallel on this foot stool.

Incidentally, whether they cover Gallaudet's teams as football or baseball they will see as game and nervy a bunch as was ever willing to die for dear old alma mater. Gameness is Gallaudet's middle name.

### New Jersey

The Orange Silent Club won its first game of the season over the Shore Silent A. A. of Asbury Park by a 43 to 33 score at the Llewellyn Hall court, Orange, N. J., last Saturday night. The game developed into a close tussle after the first period in which the Orange club boys led the Shore Silents by, 10 to 5. Rodman, Foti and two Schmitt brothers figured prominently in the scoring. Sam Foti played a dandy floor game and broke up the passing attack of the Shore team many times. Landfried, Newman and Lankaitis shone for the losing team. The line-up:

Orange Silent Club				Shore Silent A. A.			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
J. Schmitt, f	4	1	9	Lankaitis, f	3	1	7
Rodman, f	7	0	14	Rut, f	2	1	5
W. Schmitt, c	3	2	8	Newman, c	4	0	8
Mangrum, g	0	0	0	Kavals, g	0	2	2
Foti, g	4	4	12	Landfried, gf	3	3	9
Marucci, g	0	0	0	Bradley, g	1	0	2
Weiner, f	0	0	0				
Totals	18	7	43	Totals	13	7	33
Orange Silent Club				10	12	10	11-43
Shore Silent A. A.				5	10	10	8-33

In the preliminary game the Orange Indians nosed out the Essex County Silent Club in an extra period, 32 to 31.

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